Rs. 11.66 crores has been disbursed to date.

Effect of wine on health

*69. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out ,or propose to carry out research to the effect that wine in moderate quantity helps in increasing life-span and that who drink wine, as opposed to beer or spirits or no alcohol at all, had lower death rate; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) As per information available, no such research has been carried out in India.

(b) Docs not arise.

Special programme for industrialisation

*70. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have drawn up special programmes with regard to industrialisation;

(b) if so, the proposals received from the State Governments of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra in that regard; and

(c) the extent of financial assistance sought by these State Governments for the industrial growth of their respective States'?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI K. KARUNAKARAN): (a) to (c) The States/Union Territories have been advised to formulate their own policies and programmes to provide a conducive environment for setting up of new industrial projects in their States within the broad frame work of the New Industrial Policy of the Government of India. The State Governments need not obtain any permission from Government of India for implementation of their Industrial Policy/special programmes.

Governments of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have announced their policies which include special incentives/programmes envisaged for industrialisaton. The financial implications of implementing various schemes/programmes are reflected in the annual plan proposals of the respective State Governments made to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission provides central assistance to the State as loans and grants to finance annual plans including allocation for industries.

Plague virus originated from Kazakhstan

*71. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plague virus which hit Surat so badly was originated from Kazakhstan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health have constituted a Technical Advisory Committee to determine the factors responsible for the outbreak of Plague and other related matters. The report is awaited.

Employment opportunities in rural areas

*72. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the population of rural areas and the number of persons employed, self-employed,semi-employed and unemployed for the last three years, category-wise;

(b) the average annual income of rural areas as compared to urban areas; and

(c) the steps/measures Government propose to bridge this income gap?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA): (a) Based on decennial census, the total population in the rural areas as per 1991 Census is around 62.9 crores. To have information on employment and unemployment large scale surveys in the rural and urban areas are carried out quinquennially by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) under the Ministry of Planning. Based on the 43rd round (1987-88) survey conducted by NSSO from which results are available as reported by the Planning Commission, the information on rural employment and unemployment is as follows:—

		(Million) 1987-88
1.	Number of persons employed (as per current weekly status)	203.5
2.	Number of unemployed (as per current weekly status)	8.26
3.	Proportion of self-employed among rural workers (as per current weekly status)	59.22%
4.	Percentage of rural workers who worked less than 7 days in a week.	5.7%

(b) and (c) As per the latest estimates of Net Domestic Product (NDP) worked out by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) under the Ministry of Planning, the percentage of NDP in the rural areas was of the order of 58.91% during 1980-81 compared to 62.35% during 1970-71. Similar estimates for 1990-91 are yet to be made available. Government has taken several steps to increase the pace of Rural Development in the 8th Plan. The Central outlay has been stepped up substantially to Rs. *30,000/-* crores in 8th Plan compared to the expenditure level of about Rs. 10,955/- crores in 7th Plan.

Health warning on Tobacco products

*73. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is legally mandatory for tobacco products to carry a health warning on the exterior;

(b) whether some tobacco products have been exampted from this legal requirement;

(c) if so, the names of such products involving tobacco, which do not require a warning to be written on their labels; and;

(d) whether Government are planning to bring all tobacco involving products within the purview of the Cigarette (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) As per the Cigarettes (Regulation of Production Supply and Distribution Act, 1975, it is mandatory to display health warning on all carton/packets of cigarettes. This Act does not apply to other tobacco products. Under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 a warning chewing of tobacco is injurious to health' is mandatory.

(d) It has been decided to bring forward a comprehensive legislation which would inter-alia include specific provisions regarding Statutory warning on packages of various tobacco products.